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1. Quick Overview

Applying for a Canadian study permit from Ghana involves several steps and specific requirements. If you're in a hurry, here's a quick overview that provides you a step by step comprehensive guide to help you acquire the knowledge quickly. For a more in-depth treatment, continue from Chapter 2.

1. Acceptance from a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)

- **Receive an Acceptance Letter:** First, you need to get an acceptance letter from a Canadian institution which is recognized as a Designated Learning Institution (DLI). Ensure that the program and institution are eligible to host international students.

2. Prepare Required Documents

You will need several documents for your application:

Proof of Acceptance: This is the acceptance letter from your DLI.

Proof of Identity: Get a valid passport and two recent passport-sized photographs.

Proof of Financial Support: This is an evidence that you can support yourself (and any accompanying family members) during your stay in Canada. This includes:

1. A bank statement.
2. A proof of a Canadian bank account in your name (if money has been transferred to Canada).
3. A GIC (Guaranteed Investment Certificate) from a participating Canadian financial institution.
4. Proof of student or education loan from a financial institution.
5. A letter from the person or institution providing you with money.
6. Proof of funding paid from within Canada (if you have a scholarship or are in a Canadian-funded educational program).

Explanation Letter (SOP): Explain why you want to study in Canada and that you understand your responsibilities as a student.

Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ): If you intend to study in Quebec, you need a CAQ from the Quebec government.

Custodian Declaration (if you are a minor): If you are a minor, you need a custodian in Canada and the Custodian Declaration form signed by them.

3. How to Apply Online

1. **Create an Account:** Go to the [IRCC website](#) and create a secure account.

2. **Fill Out the Application:** Complete the study permit application form (IMM 1294) and other relevant forms.
3. **Upload Documents:** Upload all the required documents.
4. **Pay the Fees:** Pay the application fee (CAD 150) and biometrics fee (CAD 85) if applicable.

4. Biometrics

Provide Biometrics: After submitting your application, you will receive a Biometric Instruction Letter. You need to give your fingerprints and photograph at a Visa Application Centre (VAC) in your country.

5. Medical Examination

Medical Exam: You might need to undergo a medical exam by an approved panel physician. The necessity of this depends on your length of stay and recent travel history.

6. Processing Time

Processing Time: Check the current processing times on the IRCC website because processing times can vary.

7. Interview (if required)

Interview: Sometimes, an interview with a Canadian visa officer may be required.

8. Decision and Passport Submission

1. **Decision:** Once a decision is made, you will be notified. If you're approved, you will receive a Port of Entry (POE) Letter of Introduction and, if applicable, a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) in your passport.
2. **Submit Passport:** If you need a TRV, submit your passport to the VAC for the visa stamp.

9. Arriving in Canada

1. **Prepare Documents:** Carry your acceptance letter, proof of financial support, POE Letter of Introduction, and any other relevant documents.
2. **Entry to Canada:** Present these documents to the immigration officer upon arrival in Canada to receive your study permit.

10. Additional Tips

1. **Start Early:** Begin the application process as early as possible, preferably a few months before your intended start date.
2. **Ensure Completeness:** Double-check that all documents and forms are complete and accurate to avoid delays.

3. **Stay Informed:** Regularly check the IRCC website for any updates or changes in the application process.

By following the above steps carefully, you can increase your chances of successfully obtaining a Canadian study permit from your country, especially Ghana and Nigeria, or any other country.